

Environmental Protection Agency

§ 720.85

Subpart E—Confidentiality and Public Access to Information

§ 720.80 General provisions.

(a) A person may assert a claim of confidentiality for any information which he or she submits to EPA under this part.

(b) Any claim of confidentiality must accompany the information when it is submitted to EPA.

(1)(i) For information submitted on the notice form, the claim(s) must be asserted on the form in the manner prescribed on the notice form.

(ii) When a person submits information in an attachment, the claim(s) must be asserted in the attachment as described on the notice form.

(2) If any information is claimed as confidential, the person must submit, in addition to the copies specified by § 720.40, a sanitized copy of the notice form (or electronic submission) and any attachments.

(i) The notice and attachments must be complete. The submitter must designate that information which is claimed as confidential in the manner prescribed on the notice form, via EPA's e-PMN software. See § 720.40(a)(2)(iv) for information on how to obtain e-PMN software.

(ii) The sanitized copy must be complete except that all information claimed as confidential in the original must be deleted. EPA will place this sanitized copy in the public file.

(iii) If the person does not provide the sanitized copy, or information in a health and safety study (except information claimed as confidential in accordance with § 720.90), the submission will be deemed incomplete and the notice review period will not begin until EPA receives the sanitized copy or the health and safety study information is included, in accordance with § 720.65(c)(1)(vii).

(c) EPA will disclose information that is subject to a claim of confidentiality asserted under this section only to the extent permitted by the Act, this subpart, and part 2 of this title.

(d) If a notice submitter does not assert a claim of confidentiality for information at the time it is submitted to EPA, EPA may make the information public and place it in the public

file without further notice to the submitter.

[48 FR 21742, May 13, 1983, as amended at 58 FR 34204, June 23, 1993; 60 FR 16311, Mar. 29, 1995; 75 FR 786, Jan. 6, 2010]

§ 720.85 Chemical identity.

(a) *Claims applicable to the period prior to commencement of manufacture or import.* (1)(i) A person who submits information to EPA under this part may assert a claim of confidentiality for the chemical identity of the new chemical substance. This claim will apply only to the period prior to the commencement of manufacture or import for commercial purposes. A submitter may assert this claim only if the submitter believes that public disclosure prior to commencement of manufacture or import of the fact that anyone intends to manufacture or import the specific chemical substance for commercial purposes would reveal confidential business information.

(ii) If the notice includes a health and safety study concerning the new chemical substance and if the claim for confidentiality with respect to the chemical identity is denied in accordance with § 720.90(c), EPA will deny a claim asserted under this paragraph.

(2) Any person who asserts a claim of confidentiality for chemical identity under this paragraph must provide one of the following items at the time the notice is submitted:

(i) The generic name which was accepted by EPA in the prenotice consultation conducted under paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(ii) One generic name that is only as generic as necessary to protect the confidential chemical identity of the particular chemical substance. The name should reveal the specific chemical identity to the maximum extent possible. The generic name will be subject to EPA review and approval at the time a notice of commencement is submitted.

(3)(i) Any person who intends to assert a claim of confidentiality for the chemical identity of a new chemical substance may seek a determination by EPA of an appropriate generic name for the substance before submitting a notice. For this purpose, the person should submit to EPA: